

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated January 3, 2007. All rejections are respectfully traversed. Reconsideration of all claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Reilly for his helpfulness in contacting the undersigned Attorney by phone to explain remaining deficiencies in the claim formats of claims 17-43, in order to further expedite prosecution of the application. The present amendments to the claims are respectfully intended to reflect the substance of these phone communications with Examiner Reilly in this regard.

At paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 33-43 under 35 U.S.C. 101. In a telephone conversation on February 13, 2007, the Examiner indicated that claims 17-32 had similar problems. Amendments to the claims herein are respectfully believed to meet all requirements of the Examiner in this regard.

Applicants also respectfully note the Examiner's indication that the remaining claims are allowed.

In view of the amendments to the claims herein, Applicants respectfully urge that all present claims are now allowable, and respectfully request that the Examiners rejections be withdrawn. The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone David A. Dagg, Applicants' Attorney at 617-630-1131 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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